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**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:34 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 in the City Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Numark, Rhilinger, Sutherland, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(a).

The City Council reconvened at 7:03 p.m. with all members present. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by 2012 Torrance Kashiwa exchange student Zach Johnson.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rhilinger.

**3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA / MOTION TO
WAIVE FURTHER READING**

City Clerk Herbers reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, August 2, 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that the hearing on Agenda Item 13A would be opened and continued to September 11, 2012. Supplemental material available on Agenda Items 12B, 12C and 13A.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Barnett announced that the City Council Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee had met earlier to discuss public employee pensions and was recommending no action be taken at this time.

Councilmember Brewer announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will meet on Monday, August 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber to discuss the subsidy of community services, senior excursions and Madrona Marsh.

Councilmember Furey announced that a City Council workshop to review the "Ethics Training for Candidates for Elective Office" pilot class will be held on Tuesday, August 14, at 4:30 in the West Annex meeting room.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Douglas Castleman on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of August.

Mayor Scotto reported that AB1464, which was signed into law on June 27, 2012, suspends certain provisions of the Brown Act for three years. With the concurrence of Council, he directed staff to return with a resolution affirming that the City of Torrance City Council and all committees, commissions and boards will continue to comply with all requirements of the Brown Act.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of long-time Daily Breeze columnist John Bogert who passed away on July 29 at the age of 63 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring August 7 as **National Night Out Against Crime** in the City of Torrance to Police Chief Neu.

Police Chief Neu invited the public to participate in Neighborhood Watch block parties taking place throughout the City until 9:00 p.m.

6B. PRESENTATION RE E-PAYABLE PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council acknowledge receipt of funds in the amount of \$33,834.41 from the newly established ePayables program, a public/private partnership program between the City of Torrance and Bank of America.

City Treasurer Cortez reported that the City entered into a public/private partnership with the Bank of America to implement the ePayables program in November 2011, which enables vendors to receive payments electronically via a bank card solution platform. She noted that the program reduces direct and indirect costs associated with issuing paper checks; provides for a consistent and predictable cash flow; and supports the City's green initiative because the payment method is paperless. She explained that the City also benefits from an annual rebate based on the amount spent and in the first six months, the program has generated \$33,834.41.

Lou Mastro and Jesse Gonzales, representing Bank of America, presented the \$33,834.41 check to City Treasurer Cortez.

6C. INTRODUCTION OF TORRANCE SISTER CITY KASHIWA EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND ADULT LEADER.

Torrance Sister City President Werner Willoughby introduced Torrance Sister City exchange students and adult leader from Kashiwa, Japan and Mayor Scotto presented each with a plaque: Hibiki Hanaoka, Natsuko Onuma, Chiaki Ozawa, Nami Sato, Masanori Suzuki, Shizuka Tanigawa, Yuko Tomono, and Hideaki Uno, and adult leader Kenji Higuchi.

6D. RECOGNITION OF CITY OF TORRANCE 2012 SUMMER INTERNS

City Volunteer Program Coordinator Laura Lohnes introduced City of Torrance 2012 summer interns Katie Webb, Brandon Gonzaque, Jared Johnson, and Ada Recinos and Mayor Scotto presented them with certificates of appreciation.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

7A. Maureen O'Donnell, Friends of Banning Museum, announced that the museum will be commemorating the 182nd birthday of Phineas Banning with a concert and dinner dance on Saturday, August 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Banning mansion, with additional information available at 310.548.2005.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of June 19, June 26, and July 10, 2012.

8B. JUNE 2012 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for June 2012.

8C. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a second amendment to the fee agreement with Rutan & Tucker (C2011-156) to provide legal services in the case of Thomson v. City of Torrance Police Department for an additional \$35,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$145,000.

8D. APPROPRIATION FOR POOL COVERS AT BENSTEAD PLUNGE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve and appropriate \$8,698.87 from the Parks and Recreation Donation Account to fund the purchase of pool covers for the Victor E. Benstead Plunge.

8E. PURCHASE ORDER FOR AMMUNITION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council authorize a purchase order to San Diego Police Equipment Co., Inc. of San Diego, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, for the purchase of ammunition on an as needed basis for the period beginning August 8, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

8F. PURCHASE ORDER FOR INSTALLATION OF AVL SYSTEMS IN SANITATION FLEET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council award a purchase order to Radio Satellite Integrators Inc., of Torrance, CA in the amount of \$49,499 to provide and install automatic vehicle location (AVL) systems (B2012-10) in the sanitation fleet vehicles (refuse trucks and street sweepers) including the first year of tracking services.

8G. CONTRACT FOR CHILD DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that Council accept and endorse a contract with the County of Los Angeles for the Delinquency Prevention Program in the amount of \$28,198 for the term of September 13, 2012 through September 12, 2013.

8H. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BILL REVIEW SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve an amendment to the letter agreement with Stratacare (C2006-142) to provide workers' compensation medical bill review services effective August 8, 2012 in the not to exceed amount of \$360,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A though 8H. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. ORDINANCE CREATING ONE-TIME EXCEPTION TO MOBILE FOOD VENDOR REGULATIONS FOR CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BASH

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt an Ordinance creating a one-time exception to the Torrance Municipal code requirements for regulating mobile food vendors participating in the Centennial Birthday Bash on Sunday, October 28, 2012:

- 1) Waive the 100 foot minimum distance requirement from property zoned or used for residential purposes;
- 2) Lift the restriction on the number of mobile food vendors for the event; and
- 3) Allow the use of portable restroom facilities.

Management Associate Fulton reported that the Centennial Committee has requested that the Council consider granting a one-time exemption concerning the above-listed mobile food vendor regulations for the Centennial Birthday Bash to be held on Sunday, October 28, 2012 at Wilson Park.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 3758

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 93.1.8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE A ONE-DAY WAIVER FROM THE TEN VENDOR LIMIT FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDORS FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BASH, TO BE HELD AT WILSON PARK ON OCTOBER 28, 2012

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3758. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

12B. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS/MEMBERS TO CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council select chairs and committee members to Standing Committees in accordance with City Council Rules of Order, and that the Mayor appoint members to the following Committees and Boards:

- 1) Outside Regional Boards and Agencies;
- 2) Ad hoc Committees; and
- 3) City Council Liaisons.

The following appointments were made in accordance with City Council rules of order:

Standing committees:

Committee	Chair	Members (2)
Citizen Development and Enrichment	Brewer	Furey, Barnett
Community Planning and Design	Furey	Sutherland, Brewer
Employee Relations and Public Safety	Barnett	Sutherland, Rhilinger
Finance and Governmental Operations	Sutherland	Numark, Rhilinger
Strategic Plan	Numark	Barnett, Furey
Transportation	Rhilinger	Brewer, Numark

Ad Hoc Committees / Special Standing Committee

Committee	Chair	Members
Armed Forces Day	Gene Barnett	Pat Furey Susan Rhilinger

Committee	Chair	Members
2010 Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy	Mayor Frank Scotto	Gene Barnett Susan Rhilinger Bill Sutherland (Alt)

Committee	Chair	Members
2010 Ad Hoc Federal Legislative Advocacy	Mayor Frank Scotto	Tom Brewer Pat Furey Bill Sutherland (Alt)

Committee	Chair	Members
Naming of Facilities Ad Hoc	Susan Rhilinger	Cliff Numark Bill Sutherland

Committee	Members
Centennial	Gene Barnett Tom Brewer Susan Rhilinger

City Council Liaisons

Organization	Liaison	Alternate
Sister City Association	Gene Barnett	Pat Furey

Outside Regional Boards and Agencies: To be considered at a later date.

12C. FINAL APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND CONCEPT FOR TORRANCE TRANSIT PARK AND RIDE REGIONAL TERMINAL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council review the architectural concept designs, provide direction, and approve the final architectural design, including site, floor plans and building material for the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal (FEAP #764) located at 465 Crenshaw Boulevard.

With the aid of slides, Aaron Kelly, RNL Design, briefly reviewed the revisions that were made to the design for the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal based on comments received at the June 5, 2012 City Council Workshop and multiple discussions with staff and the design team. He noted that the parking structure has now been scheduled for a later phase, however, there will be surface parking for approximately 300 vehicles.

Mayor Scotto explained that the project had to be downsized due to budget constraints and this resulted in the elimination of one of the buildings and the parking structure.

Responding to questions from the Council, Engineering Manager Semaan advised that cost estimates will become more refined as the design of the project progresses and the goal of staff and the design team is to remain within budget. He confirmed that facility was designed to accommodate the future extension of the Green Line light rail system.

Transit Director Turner reported that Transit staff has been working with the design team and believes the project as proposed provides the functionality necessary to create a multi-modal regional transit center.

Charles Deemer, resident, requested clarification regarding the commercial space and the future construction of the parking structure, which was provided by staff. He also asked about the timeline for the project, and Mayor Scotto advised that the tentative completion date is July 2014.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to approve the final architectural design of the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

13. HEARINGS

13A. CUP12-00007, DVP12-00003, WAV12-00003, DIV12-00004: MARY MELLONE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Community Development Director that City Council deny the appeal and adopt RESOLUTIONS approving a Conditional Use Permit and Development Permit to allow the construction and operation of a new child day care center in conjunction with a Waiver to allow a reduction of the side setback requirement and Division of Lot to consolidate two lots into one on property located within the HBCSP-MP Zone at 23104 Hawthorne Boulevard.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter and that staff was recommending the hearing be continued to September 11, 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to continue the hearing to September 11, 2012. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Furey, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item to waive permit fees for the use of Wilson Park on Sunday, September 9, 2012 by the Volunteer Center Youth Coalition for a charity walk to raise funds for the 9/11 memorial museum in New York City.

17B. Councilmember Furey, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff investigate the feasibility of changing the City's alignment with the Harbor Gateway Workforce Investment Network to the South Bay Workforce Investment Network.

17C. Councilmember Furey announced that Thursday, August 9, will be the grand opening of the Downtown Torrance Marketplace to be held every Thursday from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the El Prado Plaza, which will feature fresh produce, flowers, arts and crafts, food vendors and live music.

17D. Mayor Scotto congratulated Councilmember Numark on the birth of his daughter on August 2.

17E. Councilmember Numark offered condolences to the family of John Bogert.

17F. Councilmember Numark commended City Treasurer Cortez for implementing the ePayables program and noted a recent article in *American City and County Government* magazine regarding an on-line procurement system in Orange County that has reduced costs.

17G. Councilmember Numark, with the concurrence of Council, requested that the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission consider a full or partial ban on gas-powered leaf blowers.

17H. Councilmember Rhlinger announced that the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society will be presenting a Centennial event "Torrance Who Do You Think You Are?" on Wednesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Armstrong Theatre, with ticket information available by calling 310.781. 7171.

17I. Councilmember Sutherland provided information about the two cooling centers being operated this summer at the Bartlett Center, 1318 Cravens Avenue, and the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, noting that additional information was available by calling the City Manager's office at 310.618.5880 or visiting www.TorranceCA.Gov/news.htm.

17J. Councilmember Barnett reported that he attended the International Surf Festival opening on August 2 at which Supervisor Don Knabe presented a plaque to the City of Torrance for serving as host city.

17K. Councilmember Barnett wished his granddaughter Gabby a happy 5th birthday.

17L. Mayor Scotto offered a reminder that the Torrance Centennial Community Parade will be held on Sunday, September 16, starting a noon in Downtown Torrance and will be followed by the dedication of the new Centennial Plaza and Centennial time capsule at 2:00 p.m. at El Prado Park. He also noted that the Centennial Birthday Bash will be held on October 28, 2012.

17M. Mayor Scotto encouraged the public to attend City of Torrance night on Sunday, August 26, 4:00 p.m., at the L. A. Galaxy versus Dallas soccer game, with additional information available at www.LAGalaxy.com/Torrance.

17N. Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item to subsidize the fees for the use of the Armstrong Theater for the Centennial Employee Variety Show benefitting the American Cancer Society scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2012.

17O. Mayor Scotto announced that a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Del Amo Boulevard extension will take place on August 22 at 4:30 p.m.

17P. Charles Deemer, resident, requested information about the City's settlement with Southern California Edison concerning the lighting district, which was provided by City Manager Jackson.

17Q. City Clerk Herbers announced that opening night for Torrance Theatre Company's presentation of *Fiddler on the Roof* will be Saturday, August 11, at the Armstrong Theatre, with additional information available on the City's website.

17R. City Clerk Herbers reported that historical City Council minutes dating from 1921 to 1953 are now available on the City Clerk's website.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:57 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. for a City Council workshop to review the "Ethics Training for Candidates for Elective Office" pilot class in the West Annex meeting room, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

***Adjourned in Memory of
John Bogert***

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on August 21, 2012